



# Wavelets and Applications

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# The Haar Transform

Values of an analog signal measured at time values  $1, \dots, n$  are  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

The *support* of the sequence  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is the set  $\{i | x_i \neq 0\}$ .

We form two sequences of size  $n/2$ :

$t_1, \dots, t_{n/2}$ , and  $f_1, \dots, f_{n/2}$

$$t_m = \frac{x_{2m-1} + x_{2m}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad f_m = \frac{x_{2m-1} - x_{2m}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

for  $1 \leq m \leq \frac{n}{2}$ .

# Example:

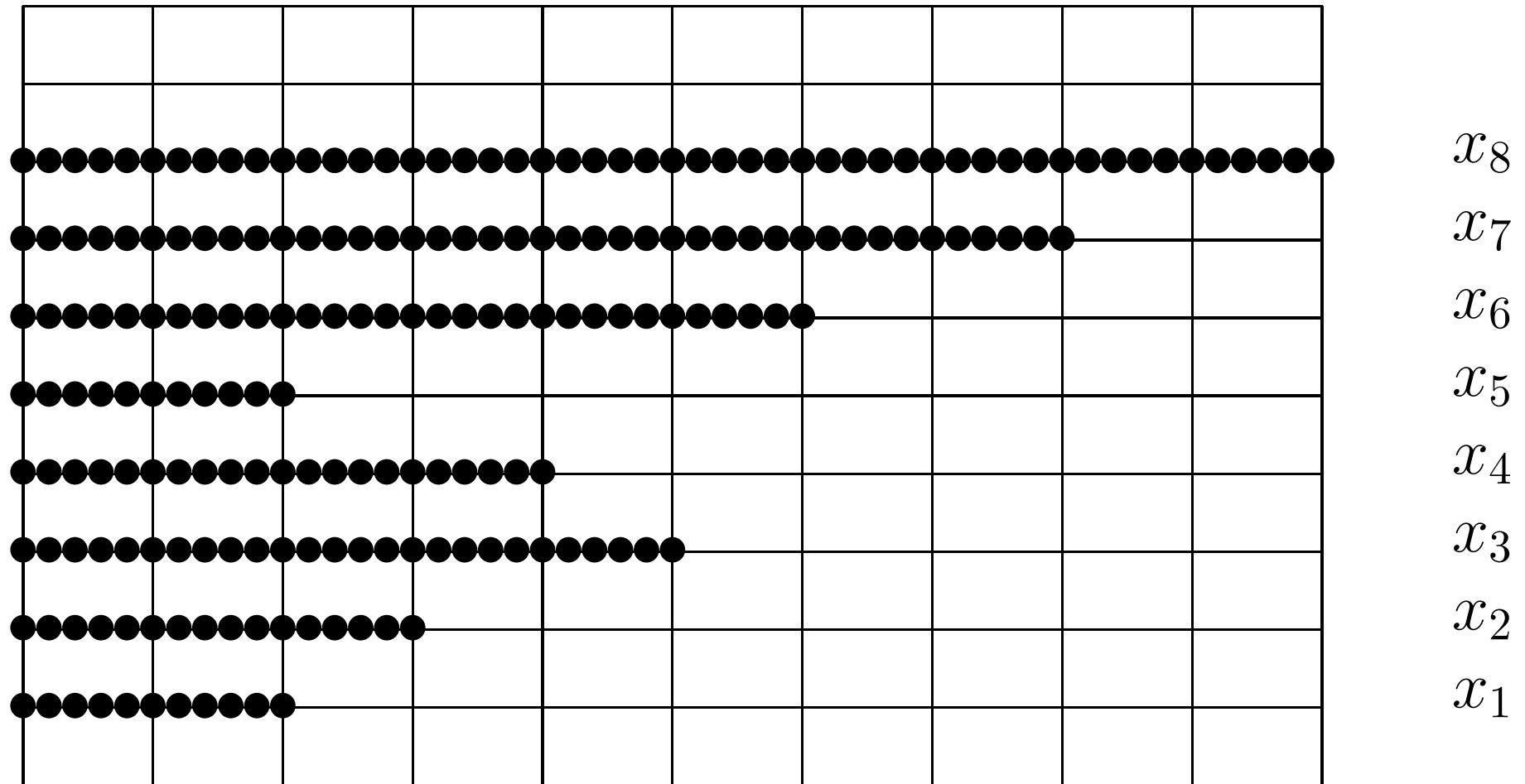
Let

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_8) = (2, 3, 5, 4, 2, 6, 8, 10)$$

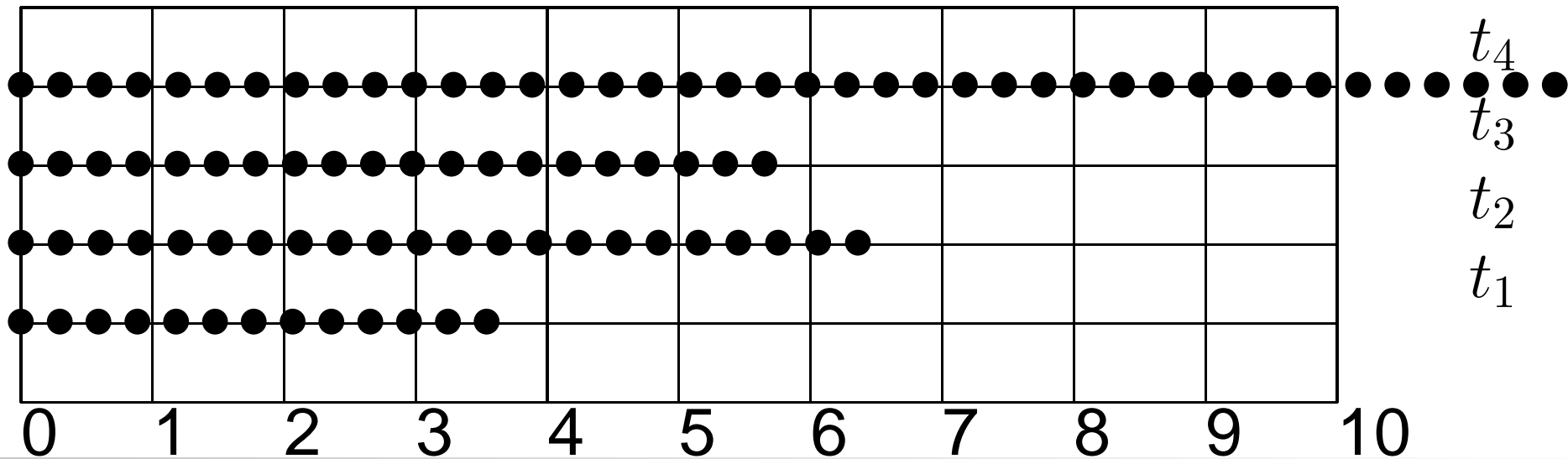
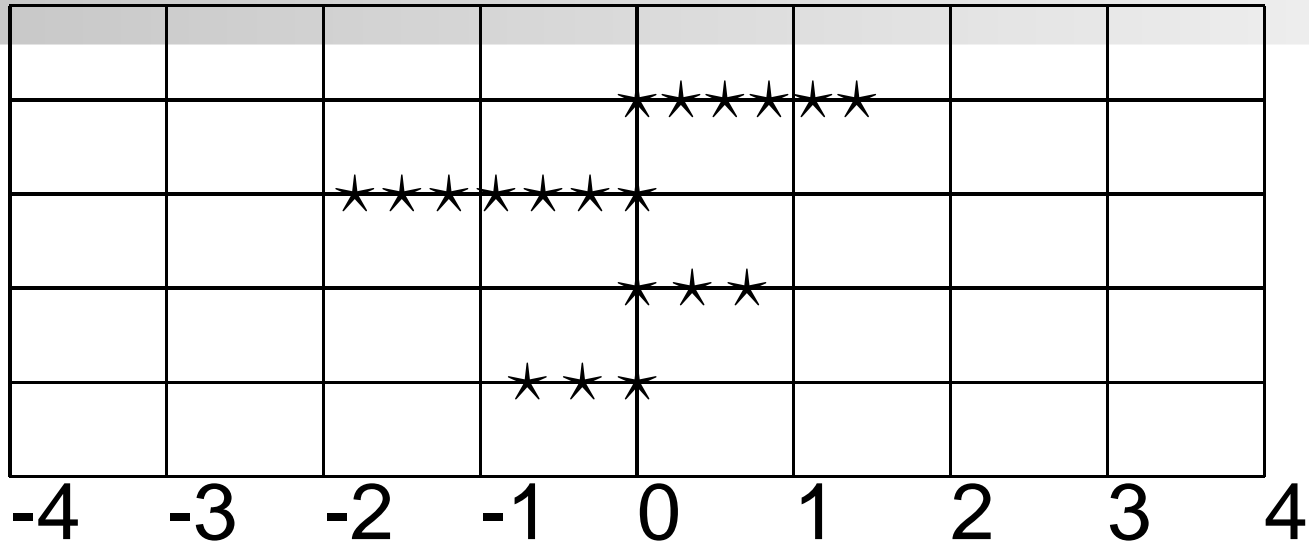
$\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_4)$  and  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_4)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ll} t_1 = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} = 3.54 & f_1 = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} = -0.70 \\ t_2 = \frac{9}{\sqrt{2}} = 6.36 & f_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.70 \\ t_3 = \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}} = 5.65 & f_3 = \frac{-4}{\sqrt{2}} = -2.80 \\ t_4 = \frac{18}{\sqrt{2}} = 12.85 & f_4 = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}} = -1.40 \end{array}$$

# Original Sequence $x_1, \dots, x_8$



# Fluctuations and Trends



# Remarks...

- The **trend components**  $t_1, \dots, t_4$  approximate the **trends** in  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- The **fluctuation components**  $f_1, \dots, f_4$  approximate the **fluctuations** of  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- **Conservation of energy:**

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^8 x_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 t_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^4 f_i^2,$$

- Fluctuations are small because  $\mathbf{x}$  originates typically in sampling of a continuous signal.

# Haar Transform

The **Haar transform** is the mapping  $\mathcal{H} : \text{Seq}(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \text{Seq}(\mathbb{R})$  given by:

$$\mathcal{H}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (t_1, \dots, t_{\frac{n}{2}}, f_1, \dots, f_{\frac{n}{2}})$$

for  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{Seq}(\mathbb{R})$ .

We use the condensed notation  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{t}^1 | \mathbf{f}^1)$ , where

$$\mathbf{t}^1 = (t_1, \dots, t_{\frac{n}{2}})$$

$$\mathbf{f}^1 = (f_1, \dots, f_{\frac{n}{2}})$$



# The Inverse Haar Transform

If  $\mathcal{H}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (t_1, \dots, t_{\frac{n}{2}}, f_1, \dots, f_{\frac{n}{2}})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= \frac{x_1+x_2}{\sqrt{2}} & f_1 &= \frac{x_1-x_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \\ t_{\frac{n}{2}} &= \frac{x_{n-1}+x_n}{\sqrt{2}} & f_{\frac{n}{2}} &= \frac{x_{n-1}-x_n}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{t_1+f_1}{\sqrt{2}} & x_2 &= \frac{t_1-f_1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \\ x_{n-1} &= \frac{t_{\frac{n}{2}}+f_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} & x_n &= \frac{t_{\frac{n}{2}}-f_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

# The Inverse Haar Transform (cont)

The **inverse Haar transform** is the mapping  $\mathcal{H}^{-1} : \text{Seq}(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \text{Seq}(\mathbb{R})$  given by:

$$\mathcal{H}^{-1}(t_1, \dots, t_{\frac{n}{2}}, f_1, \dots, f_{\frac{n}{2}}) = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

for  $(t_1, \dots, t_{\frac{n}{2}}, f_1, \dots, f_{\frac{n}{2}}) \in \text{Seq}(\mathbb{R})$ .

# Higher-Level Haar Transforms

For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $k = \log_2 n$ :

$$\mathcal{H}^{[1]}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{t}^1 | \mathbf{f}^1),$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{[2]}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{t}^1) | \mathbf{f}^1) = (\mathbf{t}^2 | \mathbf{f}^2 | \mathbf{f}^1),$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{[3]}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{t}^2) | \mathbf{f}^2 | \mathbf{f}^1) = (\mathbf{t}^3 | \mathbf{f}^3 | \mathbf{f}^2 | \mathbf{f}^1),$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathcal{H}^{[k]}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{t}^k | \mathbf{f}^k | \mathbf{f}^{k-1} | \dots | \mathbf{f}^1)$$

# The Full Haar Transform

The *full Haar transform* of a sequence  $\mathbf{x}$  of length  $n$  is

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{t}^k | \mathbf{f}^k | \mathbf{f}^{k-1} | \cdots | \mathbf{f}^1),$$

where  $k = \log_2 n$ .

# Energy Localization Property

Most of energy is concentrated in the trend vector. For

$$\mathbf{x} = (2, 3, 5, 4, 2, 6, 8, 10)$$

we have

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) = 2^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + 4^2 + 2^2 + 6^2 + 8^2 + 10^2 = 258$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{t}^1) = 3.54^2 + 6.36^2 + 5.65^2 + 12.85^2 \approx 246$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{f}^1) = 0.70^2 + 0.70^2 + 2.80^2 + 1.40^2 \approx 12$$

# Haar Wavelets

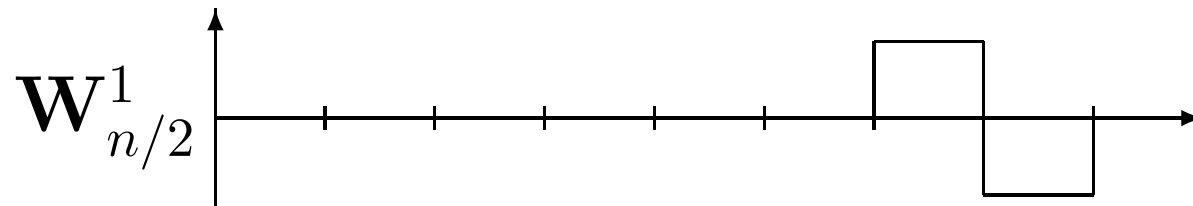
The *1-level Haar wavelets* are the sequences

$$\mathbf{w}_1^1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0 \right)$$

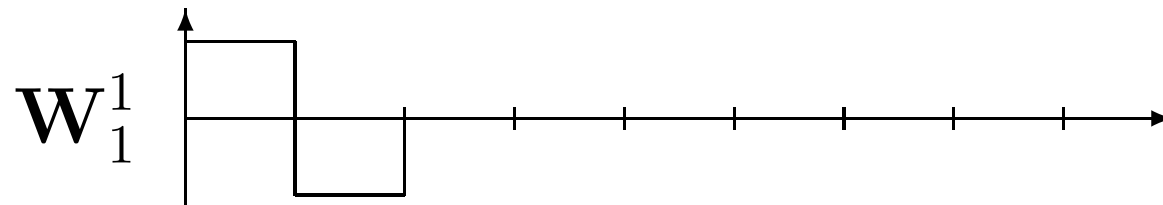
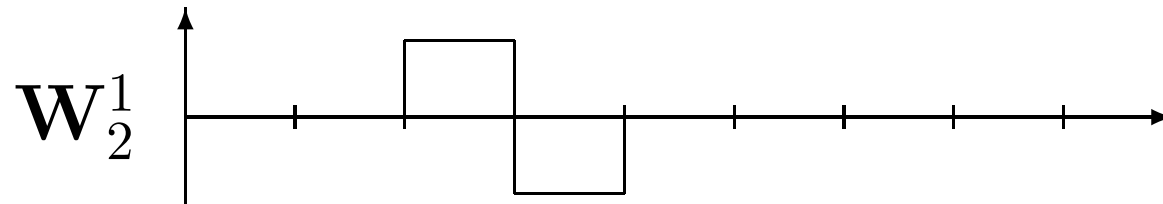
$$\mathbf{w}_2^1 = \left( 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, 0, 0 \right)$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathbf{w}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1 = \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$



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# A Bit of History ...

- **Weierstrass (1873)**: a family of functions constructed by superimposing scaled copies of a given base function.
- **Haar (1909)**: introduced the Haar basis (compact support).
- **Gabor (1946)**: nonorthogonal basis of functions with unbounded support (translations of Gaussians).
- **Ricker (1940)**: the term wavelet (seismology)



# Properties of Wavelets

If  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{t} | f_1, \dots, f_{\frac{n}{2}})$ , then

$$f_i = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{W}_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}.$$

- Average value of a wavelet is 0.
- For each wavelet  $\mathbf{W}_i^1$  we have  $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{W}_i^1) = 1$ .
- Each wavelet can be obtained from the first wavelet by a time-translation of 2.
- If  $\mathbf{x}$  is approximatively constant on  $\text{supp}(W_i^1)$ , then  $f_i$  is approximatively 0.

# The Haar Scaling signals

The *1-level Haar scaling signals* are:

$$\mathbf{v}_1^1 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2^1 = \left( 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, 0, 0 \right)$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathbf{v}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1 = \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

# Properties of Scaling Signals

If  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) = (t_1, \dots, t_{\frac{n}{2}} | \mathbf{f})$ , then

$$t_i = \mathbf{xV}_i^1 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}.$$

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- Each scaling signal can be obtained from the first scaling signal by a time-translation of 2.

# 2nd-Level Wavelets

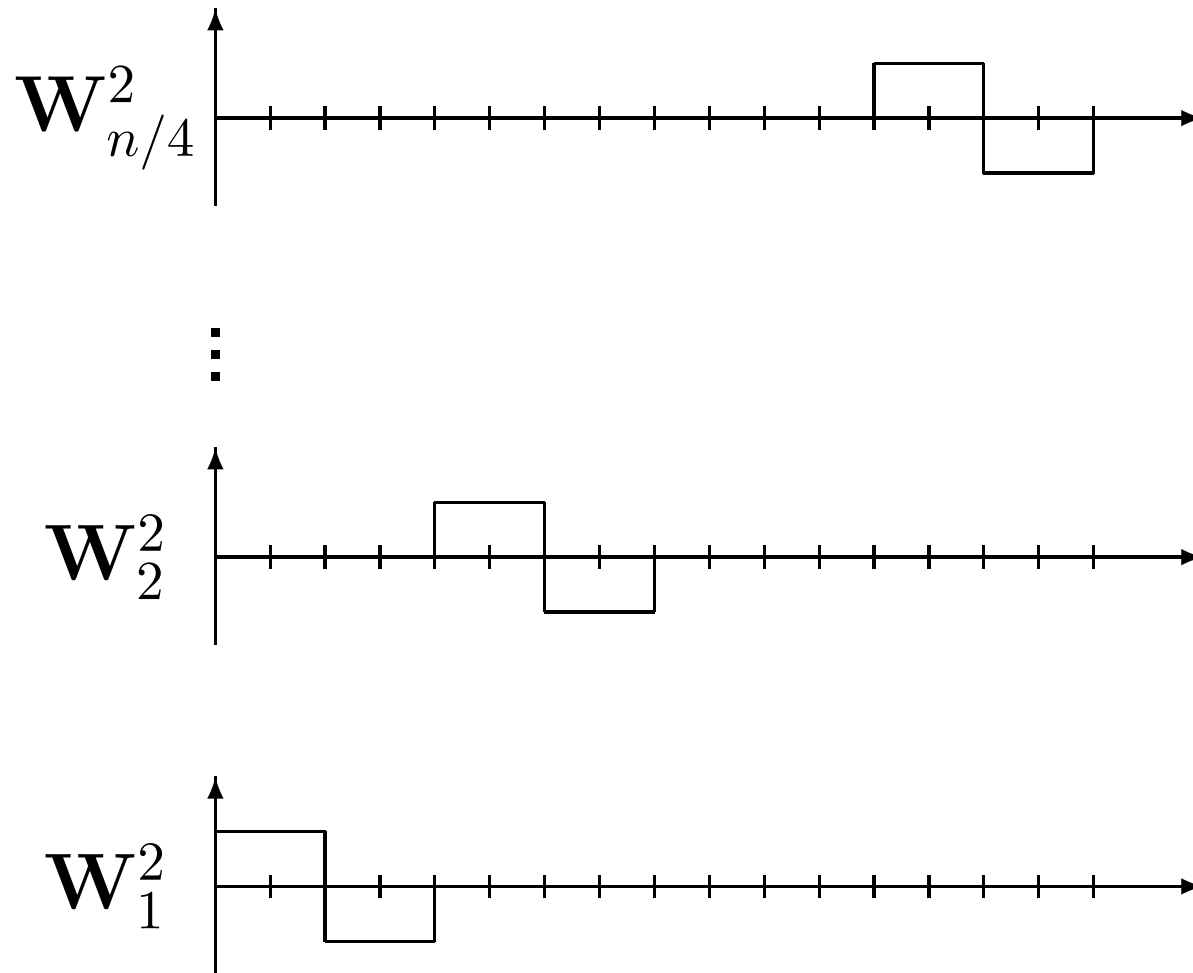
The *2nd-level wavelets* are defined by

$$\mathbf{w}_1^2 = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \dots, 0 \right)$$

$$\mathbf{w}_2^2 = \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \dots, 0 \right)$$

$\vdots$

$$\mathbf{w}_{\frac{n}{4}}^2 = \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right)$$



# 2nd-Level Scaling Signals

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$$\mathbf{v}_2^2 = \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, \dots, 0 \right)$$

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$$\mathbf{v}_{\frac{n}{4}}^2 = \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

2nd-order fluctuations:

$$f_i^2 = \mathbf{xW}_i^2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{4}$$

2nd-order trends:

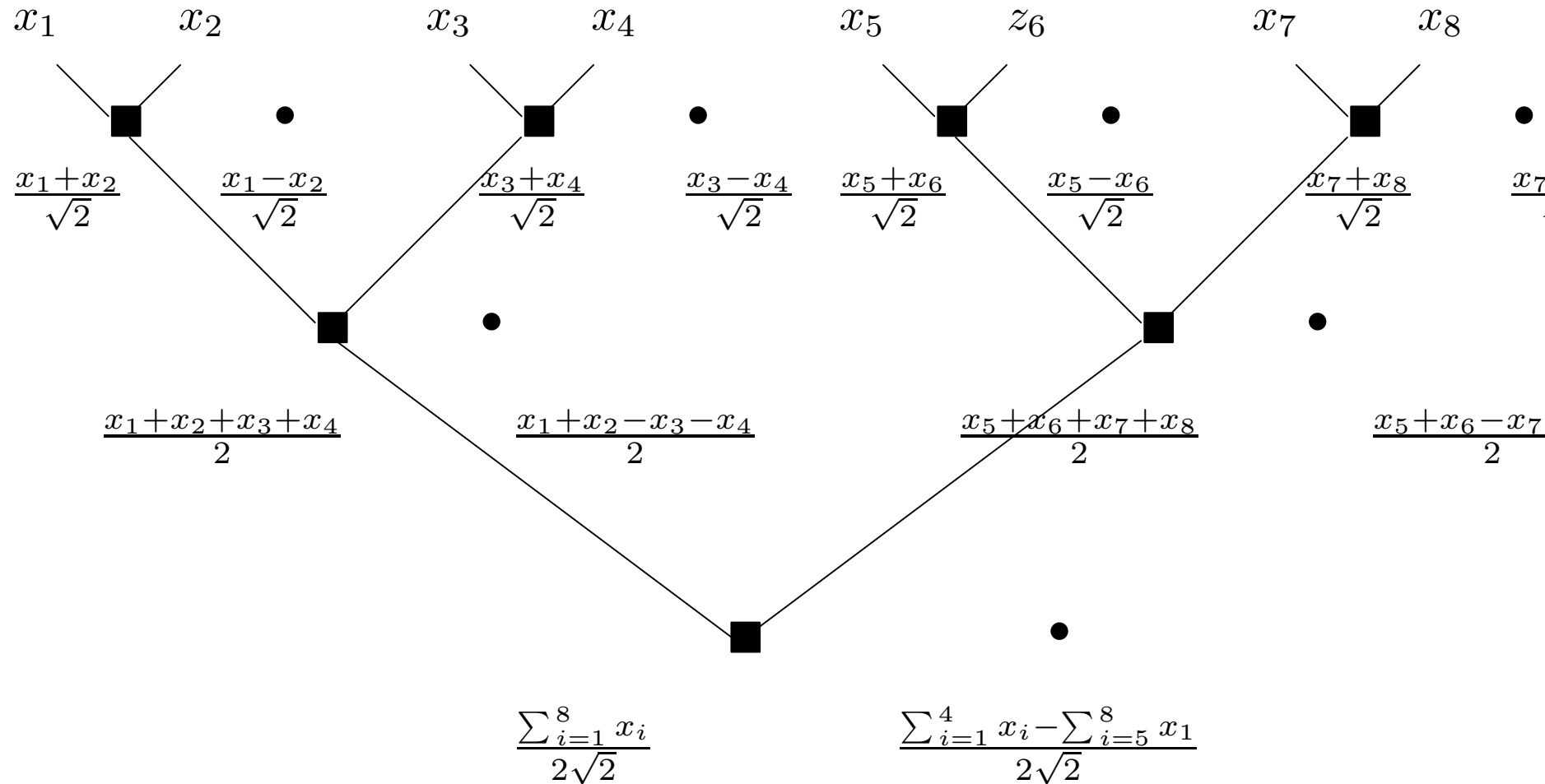
$$t_i^2 = \mathbf{xV}_i^2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{4}$$

# Properties of the 2nd-level wavelets and

- Average value of wavelets is 0; average value of scaling signals is non-zero.
- $\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{W}_i^2) = \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{V}_i^2) = 1,$
- $\text{supp}(\mathbf{W}_i^2) = \text{supp}(\mathbf{V}_i^2) = 4, \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{4}.$



# Computation Tree



# Full System of Wavelets

For  $1 \leq j \leq \log_2 n$  and  $1 \leq h \leq \frac{n}{2^j}$  define:

$$\mathbf{w}_h^j = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^j, \dots, \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^j}_{2^{j-1}}, \underbrace{-\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^j, \dots, -\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^j}_{2^{j-1}}, 0, \dots, 0)$$

# Full System of Wavelets for $n = 8$

$$\begin{aligned} W_1^1 &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right) & W_2^1 &= \left( 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right) \\ W_3^1 &= \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0 \right) & W_4^1 &= \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ W_1^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right) & W_2^2 &= \left( 0, 0, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_1^3 &= \left( \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3, \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3, \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3, \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3, \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3, - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3, - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3, - \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3 \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Full System of Wavelets for $n = 8$

Full Haar transform of a sequence  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$(\mathbf{xV}_1^3, \mathbf{xW}_1^3, \mathbf{xW}_1^2, \mathbf{xW}_2^2, \\ \mathbf{xW}_1^1, \mathbf{xW}_2^1, \mathbf{xW}_3^1, \mathbf{xW}_4^1)$$

**Example:** For  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 3, 5, 4, 2, 6, 8, 10)$ :

$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}) = (14.2, -4.30, -1.99, -5.09, \\ -0.70, 0.70, -2.80, -1.40)$$

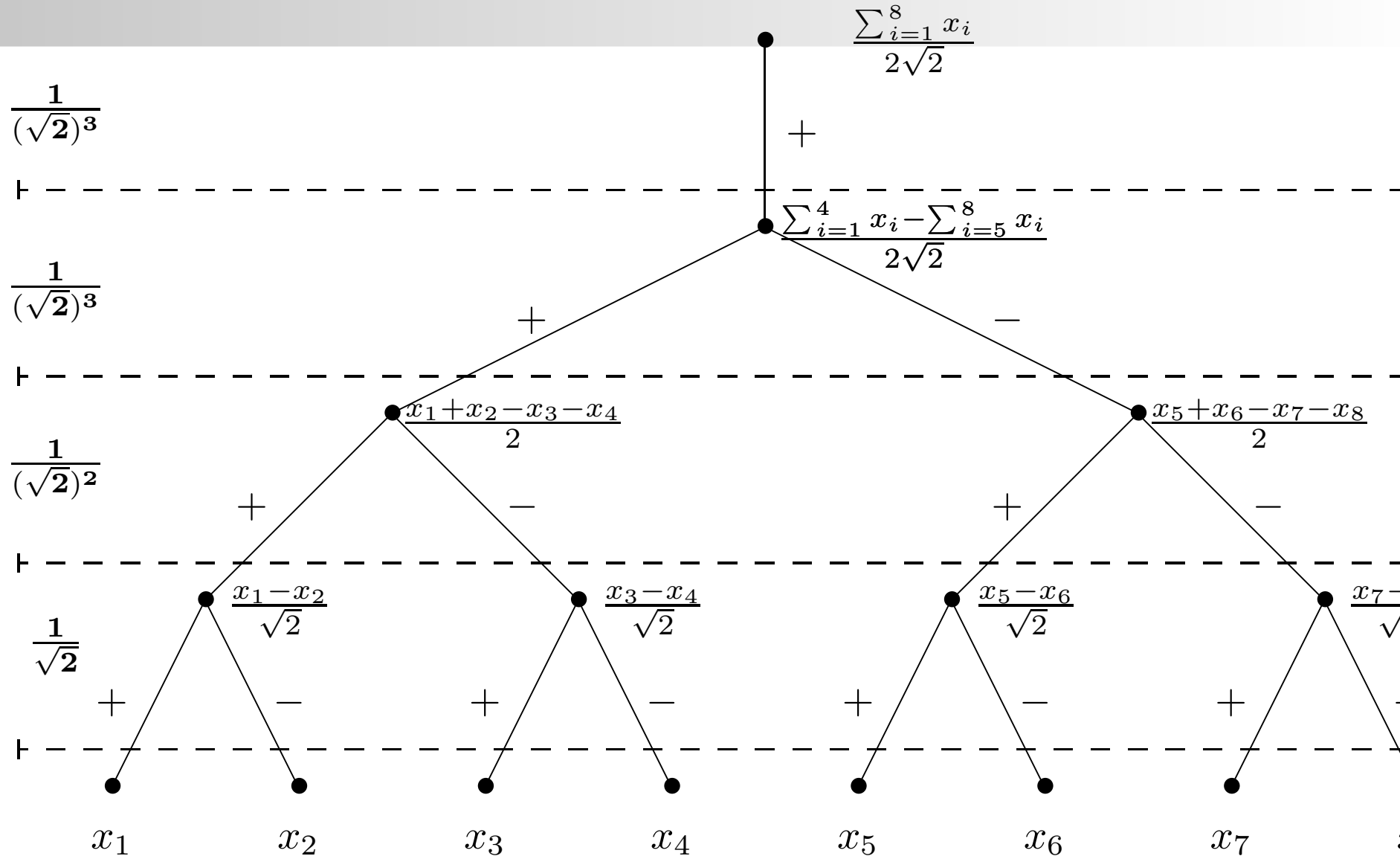
# Synthesis of Signals

The inverse Haar transform:

$$x_1 = \frac{t_1 + f_1}{\sqrt{2}}, x_2 = \frac{t_1 - f_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, x_n = \frac{t_{\frac{n}{2}} - f_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{t_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{t_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, \frac{t_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{t_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{f_1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{f_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, \frac{f_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{f_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

# The Inverse of the full Haar Transform



# Multiresolution Analysis

*First averaged and first detail signals are:*

$$\mathbf{T}^1 = \left( \frac{t_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{t_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, \frac{t_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{t_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{F}^1 = \left( \frac{f_1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{f_1}{\sqrt{2}}, \dots, \frac{f_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{f_{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}^1 + \mathbf{F}^1$ : sum of a **lower resolution** signal and a detail signal.

# Averaged and Detail Signals (cont)

The averaged and detail signals can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{T}^1 &= t_1 \mathbf{V}_1^1 + \cdots + t_{\frac{n}{2}} \mathbf{V}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1 \\ &= (\mathbf{xV}_1^1) \mathbf{V}_1^1 + \cdots + (\mathbf{xV}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1) \mathbf{V}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1 \\ \mathbf{F}^1 &= f_1 \mathbf{W}_1^1 + \cdots + f_{\frac{n}{2}} \mathbf{W}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1 \\ &= (\mathbf{xW}_1^1) \mathbf{W}_1^1 + \cdots + (\mathbf{xW}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1) \mathbf{W}_{\frac{n}{2}}^1.\end{aligned}$$



# Example:

Let  $\mathbf{x} = (2, 3, 5, 4, 2, 6, 8, 10)$ . We have

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) = \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{9}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{8}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{18}{\sqrt{2}} \middle| \right. \\ \left. -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

The averaged signal:

$$\mathbf{T}^1 = (5/2, 5/2, 9/2, 9/2, 4, 4, 9, 9)$$

The detail signal:

$$\mathbf{F}^1 = (-1/2, 1/2, 1/2, -1/2, -2, 2, -1, 1)$$

# Multiple-level MRA

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{T}^1 + \mathbf{F}^1 \\ \mathbf{T}^1 &= \mathbf{T}^2 + \mathbf{F}^2 \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{T}^{k-1} &= \mathbf{T}^k + \mathbf{F}^k,\end{aligned}$$

SO

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{T}^k + \mathbf{F}^k + \mathbf{F}^{k-1} + \dots + \mathbf{F}^1$$

# Compression of Signals

- **Compression:** converting a signal into a new format that requires fewer bits to transmit
- Categories of compression
  - *lossless compression:* error-free decompression of the original signal (Huffman compression, LZW compression, arithmetic compression)
  - *lossy compression:* produces inaccuracies in the decompressed signal
- rates of compression (50:1–100:1) for lossy compr. vs. 2:1 for lossless

# Wavelet Compression Methods

1. Compute a wavelet transform of a signal.
2. Set to 0 all values of components that are below a threshold value  $\lambda$ .
3. Transmit only the significant, non-zero values.
4. Compute the reverse transform at the receiving end, using zero values for the components that were not transmitted.

# A Relational Database Application

## Selectivity Estimation

### ORDERS

| cust_no | cust_name | date      | qty |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----|
| 123     | John Doe  | 2/10/2003 | 8   |
| ⋮       | ⋮         | ⋮         | ⋮   |

Find the fraction of ORDERS returned by:

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select cust_name from ORDERS
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  where 1 <= qty and qty <= 3;
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# Wavelet-based Histograms (Vitter)

**The active domain of  $A$ :**  $v_1 < v_2 < \dots < v_n$ : the values that appear under an attribute  $A$  of a table.

**Frequencies:**  $f_i = |\{t | t[A] = v_i\}|$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$

**Cumulative Frequencies:**

$$c_i = |\{t | t[A] \leq v_i\}| = \sum_{k=1}^i f_k,$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$

# Cumulative Data Distribution

Data distribution of  $A$ :

$$\mathcal{T}(A) = \{(v_1, f_1), \dots, (v_n, f_n)\}$$

Cumulative data distribution of  $A$ :

$$\mathcal{T}^C(A) = \{(v_1, f_1), \dots, (v_n, f_n)\}$$

Extended cumulative data distribution  $\mathcal{T}^{C+}(A)$  is the extension of  $\mathcal{T}^C$  obtained by assigning 0 frequencies to all values that do not occur in the table.

# Vitters' Histogram Construction

1. form the extended cumulative distribution  $\mathcal{T}^{C^+}(A)$  (preprocessing);
2. compute  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{T}^{C^+}(A))$ ;
3. retain only the  $m$  most significant wavelet coefficients for some  $m$  that corresponds to the desired storage usage.

The number of tuples  $T(A)_{a,b}$  such that  $a \leq A \leq b$  is

$$T(A)_{a,b} = \mathcal{T}^{C^+}(A)_b - \mathcal{T}^{C^+}(A)_{a-1}$$



# Example:

| ORDERS |     |
|--------|-----|
| ...    | qty |
| 1      |     |
| 3      |     |
| 4      |     |
| 3      |     |
| 1      |     |
| 4      |     |
| 3      |     |
| 3      |     |
| 3      |     |

$$\mathcal{T}(\text{qty}) = \{(1, 2), (3, 5), (4, 2)\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}^{C+}(\text{qty}) = \{(1, 2), (2, 2), (3, 7), (4, 9)\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{T}^{C+}(2, 2, 7, 9)) = (9.99, -5.99, 0, -1.91)$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{-1}(\mathcal{T}^{C+}(9.99, -5.99, 0, -1.91)) = \\ (1.99, 1.99, 6.99, 8.99)$$

# Further steps and remarks ...

- The value of the  $m$  coefficients together with their positions serve as histogram.
- To estimate the value of  $|\{t|c \geq t[A] \geq d\}|$  we construct the values for  $b$  and  $a - 1$  in the extended cumulative distribution function and then take their difference.
- Effectiveness is increased when we replace the raw frequencies with  $\mathcal{T}^{C+}(A)$ .

# Preprocessing

- If the active domain  $V$  is small, an one-pass, in-memory computation is sufficient.
- If  $V$  is large, use an external merge-sort and sum up the frequencies of the records that are merged.
- If  $V$  is very large use random sampling and use the sample data distribution as an approximation.

# Restricting the Coefficients

**Thresholding:**  $m$  out of  $N$  coefficients are kept; the remaining are set to 0. Then, the inverse Haar transform is computed.

Let  $s$  be the size of query  $q$  and  $s'$  be the size of query  $q$  after thresholding.

Error computations for a query  $q_i$ :

- absolute error:  $e^{abs}(q) = |s - s'|$  (small freqs.)
- relative error:  $e^{rel}(q) = \frac{e^{abs}}{s}$  (large freqs.)
- combined error:  
$$e^{comb}(q) = \min\{\alpha e^{abs}(q), \beta e^{rel}(q)\}$$

# Global error for a set of queries

For a set  $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_k\}$  of queries we have an error vector

$$\mathbf{e} = (e(q_1), \dots, e(q_k))$$

The overall error is

$$\|\mathbf{e}\|_p = \left( \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k e_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

# Thresholding Techniques

- Choose the largest  $m$  wavelet coefficients in absolute value.
- Choose  $m$  coefficients in a greedy way (e.g. as above), then repeatedly include the coefficients that decrease the error and exclude those that increase it.

# Estimating Selectivity

Vitter's Theorem: For a given range query  $a \leq X \leq b$ , the cumulative frequencies of  $a - 1$  and  $b$  can be reconstructed from  $m$  wavelet coefficients using  $O(m)$  space in time  $O(\min\{m, \log N\})$ .

# Mining Data Streams

Mining data that arrives and is processed in a stream: *“you look only once”*

Examples:

- switches and routers in networks generate data on
  - telephone calls
  - IP addresses
- streams of credit card transactions
- log records in web-based services



# Main Challenge:

Data accumulation is expensive so it is important to extract information even at the cost of obtaining approximative results.

# The Processing Model

Characteristics of stream processing are identified:

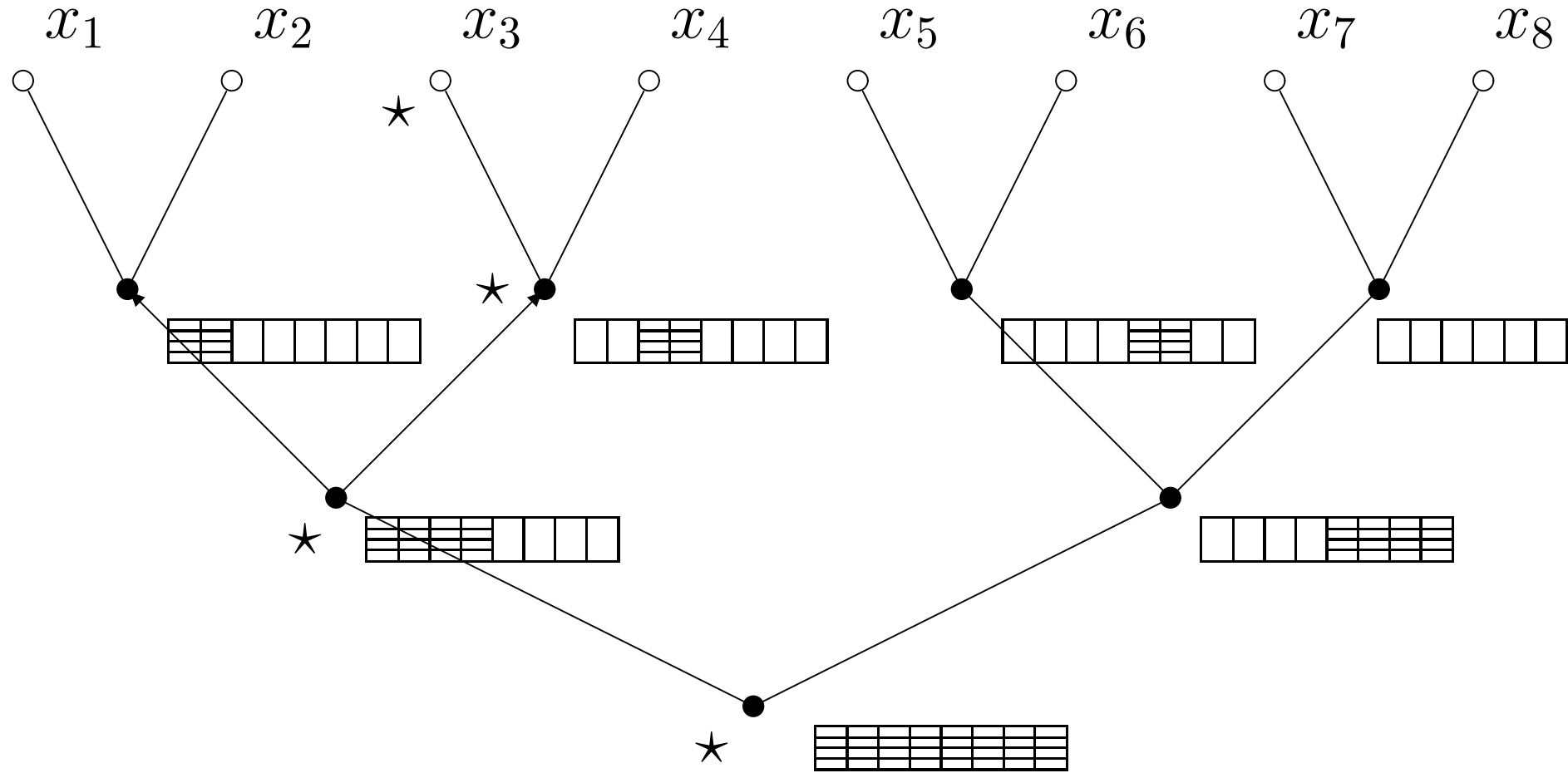
- each data item is read and processed as soon as it arrives;
- no backtracking is allowed on the data stream;
- explicit access to arbitrary past items is not allowed.

# What is allowed ...

An additional amount of memory is permitted subjected to the following conditions:

- the additional memory may be used to store:
  - a recent window of items;
  - some summary information about the stream.
- the size of the memory is significantly smaller than the signal domain size.

# Straddling Coefficients



# Computation of the highest $m$ terms

The highest  $m$  terms yields the best approximation for the error  $\|e\|_2$ .

**Gilbert's result:** With the most  $O(m + \log N)$  storage we can compute the highest  $m$ -term approximation to a signal. Each new data signal item needs  $O(m + \log n)$  time to be processed.

# Lower Space Bound

Any streaming algorithm that correctly calculates the highest wavelet basis coefficient of a signal requires  $\Omega\left(\frac{N}{\log \log N}\right)$  space.

# Other Applications

- Clustering time series that represent levels of gene expressions in microarrays as they appear in the mitosis process (a study of cellular division of the cells that form the retina).
- The new image data compression standard JPEG 2000

# Conclusions

- Wavelet transforms generate simple algorithms for data compression.
- Computations can be done efficiently, in small space.
- A large variety of applications exist even for the simplest Haar wavelets.